

**MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, October 5, 2009 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS-Edythe E. Kersey**

1. Eagle Scout Award-Dylan Carpino

Presentation of Plaque by Chairman Simpson on behalf of the BOS to Dylan Carpino on earning his Eagle Scout Award.

2. OPEN FORUM

~Chief Llewellyn introduced Rockland new Deputy Chief Gerald Eramo to the BOS. He discussed Mr. Eramo's training and background and the process by which he was chosen.

~Julie Shields discussed the upcoming fundraiser for the School Override support organization. The fundraiser will take place on October 16, 2009. She invited residents to visit the web site "rocklandsos.com".

3. No Item

4. Executive Session Minutes of September 8, 2009

Tabled on 9/21 for an amendment by Mr. Zupkofska.

~Motion to accept as amended by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Simpson passed 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. SSSC Award

Discussion took place regarding the recent of Local Public Service Award to the town from South Shore Chamber of Commerce for promoting economic development. Mr. Chaffee discussed the award and credited a large part of Rockland receiving the award to the efforts of Selectman O'Brien and TA Chiocca. Mr. Simpson discussed how the BOS have worked to improve the image of Rockland and promote economic growth in Rockland.

6. No Item

7. Library Trustee Vacancy

Joint meeting of the BOS and the Board of Library Trustees to fill a vacancy. Library Trustees called their meeting to order. Discussion took place regarding the only applicant Carol Cahill.

~Motion to appoint Carol Cahill by Richard Tetzlaff, 2nd by Laura Walsh, Roll Call vote of the Trustees, Chair Kathleen M. Looney, Richard L. Tetzlaff, Laura A. Walsh, and Marie Buchan Colburn all voted yes. Roll Call vote of the BOS, Chair James Simpson, Lawrence Chaffee, Michael Zupkofska and Deborah O'Brien all voted yes. Carol Cahill appointed 8-0.

8. BAT Bus-Ray Ledoux

~presentation by Ray Ledoux regarding approval of Rockland's new freedoms grant application which will allow the establishment of a BAT Bus service by appointment for Rockland residents in approximately 90 days. The bus service to Rockland is at no cost to the community using Rockland MTA cherry sheet offset for 50% of the costs and the federal grant for 50% and total value of the grant is approximately \$250,000 over two(2) years as a pilot program. The new vehicle is on order, and the logistics are being reviewed. A meeting of the Bat team will take place at Town Hall on Friday 10/9/09.

9. School Building Committee Report-Dr Rogers, Superintendent Rogers

~Discussed the recent decision by the Massachusetts School Building Authority to approve the application of Rockland to build a new Middle School and to renovate Rockland High School. The reimbursement rate of 64.26% was the highest rate awarded to the 15 approved applications. The total project cost of \$86,201,449. The total maximum grant amount from the SBA is not to exceed \$53,356.682 from the SBA.

Superintendent discussed how important he felt the entire project was to the town of Rockland and the educational opportunities to the school system. He felt the Rockland plan would be use as a model by the SBA in the future.

The elementary schools will benefit by the availability of more maintenance funds because less would be necessary.

The total amount for the town's share of the bond would be for \$32,844,767.

A schedule of project bond costs was provided to the BOS by John Rogers.

~Also a public meeting has been scheduled by the Taxation Aid Committee on .

An informational meeting regarding the construction project has been scheduled for October 20, 2009.

10. Kevin McGee

~Mr. Chiocca reported that after weeks of requesting to come before the BOS despite the fact his Class II license application was incomplete the Chairman had allowed Mr. McGee the opportunity to come before the BOS. Mr. McGee had now asked to be postponed and placed on the October 19th agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Open Special Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Chiocca requested the BOS vote to open the warrant a Special Town Meeting to be held on November 3, 2009 at the Rockland High School at 7 p.m. The emergency is the timetable required by the SBA. The warrant should be open from October 4 to October 14 at 4:30p.m. A reminder was mentioned that all articles require an emergency reason in order to be on a STM according to the town charter.

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to open the Special Town Meeting warrant on October 4, 2009 and to close the warrant on October 14, 2009 at 4:30p.m.

12. Pam Murphy-Annual Holiday Stroll

~Mr. Chiocca announced Pam Murphy, Chairperson of the Annual Holiday Stroll asked the public be informed that November 28, 2009 would be the date for the Annual Stroll. Union Street would be closed from 4 PM to 7 PM.

~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0.

13. Rockland Walkable Community Workshop-10/22/09

~Announced a workshop sponsored by the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Rockland to be held on October 22, 2009 to promote pedestrian improvements in the downtown area, the public is invited. Cathy Buckley of the MPO will work with Rockland officials, business owners and interested parties to make improvements to encourage and promote pedestrian traffic along Union Street.

14. Appointments

Memorial Committee-Andy Triantaffelow

~Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Simpson, passed 4-0.

Conservation Committee-Virginia Hoffman

Ms. Hoffman addressed the BOS and discussed conservation issues.

~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 4-0.

15. Local Option Taxes

~Discussion took place regarding local options room and meals taxes.

~Motion to table by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee 3-0-1(Simpson).

16. Recycling Legislation

A Letter from South Shore Recycling Cooperative seeking support from Rockland's BOS to support updating the Massachusetts Bottle Bill to include noncarbonated beverages. 11 South Shore towns in the SSRC have signed on.

~ Motion to support by Mr. Chaffee, no second.

~Motion to table Mr. Simpson, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 3-1(Chaffee)

30. CORRESPONDENCE

~Mr. Chiocca informed the BOS the Grant for the sidewalks has been signed and the RFP for the project manager is being drafted for advertisement. Mr. Chiocca informed the BOS he will be seeking an amendment to the grant to reallocate the \$90K designated for architectural barrier removal to funding the elevator project at the McKinley School.

~The BOS were informed a consultant has been assigned to Rockland to help with the Green Communities Award and we should hear from them soon.

~Mr. Chiocca informed the BOS the EventKeeper program was up and running As Of September 28, 2009 on the town Website. He thanked Sterling Smith, the Town Clerk's office and Mary Stewart in the BOS office for getting the program going.

~Reminder of lecture and slide show regarding the defenses of Boston Harbor to take place at the GAR Hall on Oct. 8, 2009.

~Announced a fundraiser at the Jefferson Elementary School on Wednesday Oct 28, 2009 featuring numerous vendors, raffles and fun for all ages.

~Informed the BOS of local artist Pat Glennon's photography display at the Library through October 30, 2009.

~Mr. Chiocca excused himself from the meeting to find the request by Michele Wile for a road closing (see below).

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Simpson read the disclaimer that comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual members.

Deborah O'Brien

~attended the retirement of Barry Ashton from the Police Department and wished him well.

~met with Lt. Governor Tim Murray to discuss Rockland issues.

~attended BAT Bus meeting to get update on Rockland services.

Mr. Zupkofska

~requested copies of grants.

~mentioned Agylia's Liquor License may be soon available

~questioned the payroll signatory sheet for the BOS

~discussed the unemployment rate, State's revenue and debt exclusion

~considers the presence of Town Counsel at BOS meeting wasteful.

~disagrees with appointment of the Police Deputy Chief.

~mentioned letter from Merit Construction.

~discussed his actions at previous BOS meeting

Mr. Chaffee

~remembered and offered condolences to the family of Edyth Kersey former Assistant Town Accountant.

~Attended Barry Ashton's retirement from the Rockland Police department and wished him well.

~mentioned the Jefferson School Fall Holiday Vendor Night, Wed 10/28/09

~discussed actions of previous meeting, and reasons for ordering Mr. Zupkofska's microphone turned off.

~explained the payroll signature form to Mr. Zupkofska

Mr. Chiocca had returned during comments and asked the BOS to allow the neighborhood at Loretta Avenue to block the street for their annual Halloween block party from 2 to 5 on Oct 31, 2009. Town Departments have been notified.

~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms O'Brien passed 4-0

Chairman Simpson

~Motion to form a new IT Committee, appointed Eric Hart, Bill Minahan, and Tim Wells, with the intention of adding 4 more members to review and make recommendations to upgrade the town's IT network. Mr. Simpson also requested more volunteers. Motion 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 4-0.

~mentioned the Solar Project unveiling at the High School on October 23, 2009

~explained the presence of Town Counsel Clifford at meetings as Attorney is good for the town how Rockland has reduced its' legal costs by half over previous years'

legal expenses. Mr. Simpson also explained the many of the legal costs are incurred as a result of actions by Mr. Zupkofska.

~Chairman announced no Executive Session

Chairman adjourned the meeting by roll call vote 4-0 at 8:54 pm

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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